

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. A vehicle open roof apparatus which permits a roof covering a top of a passenger compartment to be stored in a storage compartment at a vehicle rear portion, the open roof apparatus comprising:

at least one link mechanism swingably mounted to a vehicle body of the vehicle to permit the roof to move between an extended position in which the roof is extended over the top of the vehicle and a stored position in which the roof is stored in the storage compartment; and

at least one link lock mechanism for fastening a swinging distal end portion of the link mechanism to a rear end portion of the vehicle body when the roof is moved into the stored position[.]; wherein the one link lock mechanism has an auxiliary lock mechanism, the auxiliary lock mechanism comprising a vertically elongated lock pin provided at one of the rear end portion of the vehicle body and a swinging distal end portion of the one link mechanism, and a lock hole provided in the other of the swinging distal end portion of the one link mechanism and the rear end portion of the vehicle body, such that the lock pin can be vertically fitted in the lock hole.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)